

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 SALT T 00157 161824Z

40

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 DODE-00 CIAE-00 INRE-00

ACDE-00 /026 W

----- 040956

O 161740Z APR 75

FM USDEL SALT TWO GENEVA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2562

S E C R E T SALT TWO GENEVA 0157

EXDIS/SALT

DEPT ALSO PASS DOD

SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR SECDEF

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PARM

SUBJECT: REPORT OF WORKING GROUP MEETINGS APRIL 16, 1975
(SALT TWO-616)

1. THERE FOLLOWS SUMMARY REPORTS OF TWO WORKING GROUP
MEETINGS OF APRIL 16, 1975.

2. VERIFICATION WORKING GROUP: AT APRIL 16 MEETING (A-832)
SHCHUKIN DISCUSSED THE LIST OF ACTIVITIES TO BE BANNED UNDER THE
CONCEPT OF DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT ACTIVITIES PRESENTED ON APRIL
9 BY MAY AND STOERTZ. HE SAID AGAIN THAT THE FIRST TWO
(CAMOUFLAGE AND REPLICAS) WERE COMPRISED WITHIN THE SOVIET
PHRASE AND THAT THE REST WERE AMBIGUOUS AND "PERMITTED
ARBITRARY INTERPRETATION". PARTICULARLY THE LAST TWO (DECEPTIVE
USE OF EQUIPMENT OR DECEPTIVE ALTERATION OF ESTABLISHED
PATTERNS). HE STRESSED REPEATEDLY THAT THE NON-USE OF
"DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES" APPLIED TO THE VERIFICATION
OF ALL APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT. IN A LENGTHY
DISCUSSION OF THE APPLICABILITY OF SOVIET PARAGRAPH XV.3
(U.S. X.3) TO TESTING PRACTICES, SHCHUKIN REJECTED ANY WORDING
CHANGE FROM SOVIET PARAGRAPH. HE STATED THAT THE CONCEALMENT OF
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 SALT T 00157 161824Z

TESTING OF ANY NEW STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS THE DEVELOPMENT OF

WHICH WAS TO BE BANNED IN THE NEW AGREEMENT WOULD BE PROHIBITED UNDER THAT PARAGRAPH. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, HE ALSO STATED THAT DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES DURING ASM TESTING PROGRAMS THAT WOULD CONFUSE THE OTHER SIDE AS TO WHETHER THE MAXIMUM RANGE WERE ABOVE 600 KM WOULD ALSO BE PROHIBITED UNDER THAT PARAGRAPH, BUT ADDED THAT HE COULD NOT CONCEIVE OF ANY SUCH MEASURE. NOR COULD HE SEE HOW THE TESTING OF MIRVS AND MRVS COULD BE CONDUCTED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO CONFUSE THE OTHER SIDE. BOTH SIDES REPEATED EARLIER ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE FORMULATIONS OF THE SECOND SENTENCE IN PARAGRAPH 3 CONTAINED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DRAFTS. THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT A DEGREE OF COMMON UNDERSTANDING, YET TO BE FULLY EXPLORED, EXISTED REGARDING THE MEANING OF THE EXPRESSION REGARDING "DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES" AS IT WOULD APPLY TO THE OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE NEW AGREEMENT.

3. THE MEETING LASTED 3 1/2 HOURS. THE NEXT MEETING IS NEXT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, AT 10:00A.M. AT THE SOVIET MISSION.

4. DEFINITIONS WORKING GROUP: THE DEFINITIONS AND SYSTEMS-TO-BE-INCLUDED WORKING GROUP (A-833) MET FOR 4-3/4 HOURS 16 APRIL. DISCUSSION INCLUDED BACKFIRE, US ARTICLE II, AND SOV DEFINITIONS OF ICBM/SLBM LAUNCHERS.

5. ROWNY GAVE REASONS WHY US CONSIDERS BACKFIRE A HEAVY BOMBER, STRESSING ITS CAPABILITIES COMPARABLE TO OTHER AIR-CRAFT WE AGREE ARE HEAVY BOMBERS. TRUSOV SAID THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT POSITION IS THAT BACKFIRE IS NOT A HEAVY BOMBER. HE ADDED BACKFIRE HAS NO RELATION TO SALT AND REFUSED TO DISCUSS ITS CHARACTERISTICS OR CAPABILITIES; ROWNY EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT TRUSOV'S UNWILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE IN SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION. ANSWERING CHERNAY ON USE OF B-1 AS CRITERION, TRUSOV SAID SOVS ARE DEVELOPING A BOMBER SIMILAR TO THE B-1 WHICH WOULD BE COUNTED ONCE IT FLIES.

6. ROWNY REPEATED US POSITION THAT MISSILES AND LAUNCHERS SHOULD BE DEFINED SEPARATELY. PRIMARY ISSUE ON ICBM LAUNCHER REMAINS, I.E., SOVS DISAGREE WITH DEFINING A LAUNCHER IN TERMS OF CAPABILITIES. TRUSOV SAID SOVS MIGHT AGREE TO ADD 5500 KM RANGE TO THEIR DEFINITION.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 SALT T 00157 161824Z

7. AS TO SLBMS, REMAINING DIFFERENCES APPEAR TO BE RESOLVABLE. ON HEAVY BOMBERS AND ASBMS, THERE WAS MUCH DISCUSSION BUT NO MOVEMENT ON EITHER SIDE. SOVS AGREED MRVS WOULD NOT COUNT BUT CONTINUE TO OPPOSE MIRV SYSTEM DEFINITION ON GROUNDS IT WOULD PREJUDICE THEIR STAND AGAINST "ONCE TESTED AS A MIRV ALWAYS A MIRV".

8. THE MOST TIME-CONSUMING ITEM WAS TRUSOV'S INSISTENCE WE
WORK ONLY FROM SOV DEFINITIONS, ADMITTING REASON WAS TO GAIN
ACCEPTANCE SOV APPROACH TO DEFINITIONS. ROWNY INSISTED
THAT GROUP WORK SIMULTANEOUSLY ON US DEFINITIONS SO AS NOT
TO PREJUDICE FINAL OUTCOME. TRUSOV FINALLY AGREED TO LATTER
APPROACH.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING TO BE DECIDED ON FRIDAY, APRIL 18.
JOHNSON

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SALT (ARMS CONTROL), ARMS CONTROL MEETINGS, MEETING REPORTS, COMMITTEES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 APR 1975
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GarlanWA
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975SALTT00157
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750133-0174
From: SALT TALKS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750446/aaaabqic.tel
Line Count: 124
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GarlanWA
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 18 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: WITHDRAWN <23 JUN 2003 by BoyleJA, 3.4.X9, (SALT II)>; RELEASED <18 JUL 2003 by GarlanWA>; APPROVED <21 JUL 2003 by GarlanWA>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: REPORT OF WORKING GROUP MEETINGS APRIL 16, 1975 (SALT TWO-616)
TAGS: PARM
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006